



News and Events in the 5th Grade

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### Important Dates

April 16	Student Council Food Drive Begins
April 20	Rockin' Lock In Overnight at Holmes School
April 21	Village of Oak Park Earth Fest
April 25	Unit 8 Math Test
April 26	Middle School Math Event
May 2	Brooks Middle School Orientation 7:00-8:30pm.
May 9	Field Trip to Robert Crown
May 14	Transition Picnic at Taylor Park
May 16 & 23	MAP Testing
May 17	Social Studies Interview Project Due
May 30	Pool Outing

### Dear Families,

We are getting ready for the first-ever Fifth Grade Rockin' Lock In on **Friday April 20-Saturday, April 21**. Permission slips and fees are due by Tuesday, April 17. Please be sure to sign up for a two-hour shift if your child plans to attend.

### Message from Brooks

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation has been rescheduled to Wednesday, May 2, from 7-8:30 p.m.**

District 97, with input from certified staff at both middle schools, has begun a process that will result in fostering world-class middle schools. This district's vision of our preferred future will result in changes for both our academic and elective programs to develop best practices about educating students. The results of this process will effect the information we share with families at our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation.

### Student Council Food Drive for the OPRF Food Pantry

The Holmes Student Council is conducting a food drive through the month April. Please send in nonperishable food items or a monetary donation with your child.

### Village of Oak Park Earth Fest

The D97 Zero Waste schools are hosting tables at the Village of Oak Park Earth Fest event on **April 21 from 10am-2pm** at the Public Works building. The schools would like to highlight what they are doing around Zero Waste. Mrs. Celio will be representing Holmes School and she would love to have some 5th graders come and talk about all the things they have been doing - from vermi-composting, to turning the Earth Tub, weighing compost, etc. Students who are interested in volunteering at the Earth Fest can sign up with Ms. Manuel. We are looking for volunteers for the following time slots: 10 -11am, 11-12n, 12n-1pm, 1pm-2pm. The kids will have the opportunity to meet other Green Ambassadors from other schools and learn about the other programs schools are doing.

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**Art** -Students attending the 5th grade lock-in: We are painting the 5th grade mural! Please bring a smock/paint shirt and old objects that might leave interesting prints on the mural. Things like a couple of legos, or an old key, or a golf ball will leave interesting prints when used to make art. Be creative! Your objects will get paint on them.

**Music** - Music Share Day is coming! Your child is going to have a music share day in music class on Monday the 16th (5P and 5K) or Tuesday the 17th (5M). This means that he or she will be able to sing a song for the class, bring in an instrument to play or share, bring in a song to share or dance to, or bring in a song to play on the school piano. Students are not required to participate, but I hope to hear a lot of beautiful music in the next few days!

**Spanish** - In Spanish we are working on ordering food in a restaurant. Students are working in groups to create a skit that includes waiter/waitresses, managers, and diners. We will start performing the role playing this week.

**Library** - Information can be found on the Holmes Library page on our school website, <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/>.

**Physical Education** - Please see Mr. Williams' link ([www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com](http://www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com)) for information.



### Reading/Literature

#### TREASURES

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, we will read a story titled Miss Aleinius. The comprehension focus for this story is analyzing character and plot.

#### SHAKESPEARE

This week, classes will finish reading through their assigned plays, examining each scene to understand character motivation and relationships. Students will receive their roles/crew assignments by Thursday.

5M - Hamlet

5K - A Midsummer Night's Dream

5P - Macbeth

#### LITERATURE CIRCLES

Students will have some time during workshop this week to read their assigned pages and complete their quality questions/role sheets. If students are unable to complete these in class, they may need to finish it at home. The next Literature Circle discussion is on Wednesday, April 18th.

### Language Arts

**Writing Focus:** Students will continue to draft and revise their "Where I'm From" poems this week. Students will ultimately create a short video depicting the message of their poem using Microsoft Photo Story software. If students wish to bring in any images/photographs for their photo story, they should save them onto a flash drive, and bring them to class on Monday, April 23rd.

**Grammar Focus:** The grammar skill for this week is identifying and using adverbs.

### Math

Graded quizzes were returned to students today. This week, we will extend our knowledge of fraction multiplication to multiplication of mixed numbers. We will discuss two methods for mixed number multiplication -- partial products and converting to improper fractions before multiplying. We will also work on finding the fraction and percent of a whole numbers. There will be a short quiz on Friday. Our unit test will be next **Wednesday, April 25**. The test will cover addition and subtraction of mixed numbers, as well as multiplication of fractions and mixed numbers.

### Science

Thanks to all parents who helped out with dissection last week. It was an invaluable experience for the students. We will have one more opportunity to dissect this trimester. On May 15, we will be dissecting sheep eyeballs. If you would like to help out with that dissection, please let Ms.

Manuel know. Class times are 5K: 10:45 - 11:25, 5P: 1:30 - 2:10 and 5M: 2:10 -2:50. This week, we continue learning about body systems. We will focus on the respiratory system this week.

Students have chosen a body system to study for the Human Body project. Students will conduct research, write a brief research paper and create a glog. Project requirements will be posted on the Science page of the 5th grade wiki by the end of the week. Although students will have some in-class time to work on the projects, they will be required to complete the majority of the project at home. Relevant project documents are posted on the Science page of the 5th grade wiki.

### **Social Studies**

Graded tests from last week were returned Friday and today. If your student earned a 2, s/he will have an opportunity on Thursday to retake the amendment portion of the test for a higher grade. This week, we will continue our study of expansion and students also will receive an assignment for an interview project due Thursday, May 17.

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